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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of:  
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Title: COMBINATORIAL PROBES AND USES THEREFOR

**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004. This response is being timely submitted in view of the simultaneous submission of a three-month Petition for Extension of Time to and including January 3, 2005 (January 2<sup>nd</sup> being a Sunday), and including payment of fees.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: